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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

Item 1. Election of officers

Rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1) provides that, unless the Commission decides otherwise, its subsidiary organs shall elect their own officers.

Rule 24 of the rules of procedure states that the rules of procedure of the Commission shall apply to the proceedings of its subsidiary organs in so far as they are practicable.

Therefore, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, at the commencement of its 1st meeting, the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, such officers as may be required.

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Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure provides that the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests shall, at the beginning of each session after the election of its officers, in accordance with rule 15, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Item 3. Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests

By its decision 1995/226, the Economic and Social Council, upon the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development, approved the establishment of an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental panel on forests to pursue consensus and formulate coordinated proposals for action towards the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests. In pursuing its mandate, the Panel is to focus on 11 issues clustered into five interrelated categories. The Panel is expected to present a progress report to the Commission at its fourth session in 1996 and the final conclusions and policy recommendations to the Commission at its fifth session in 1997.

At its third session, the Commission on Sustainable Development decided that the Panel would consider the need for dividing its tasks among appropriate subgroups and resolve pending issues, such as modalities of work, at its first session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work and organizational modalities for the open-ended ad hoc Intergovernmental Panel on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/IPF/1995/2)

Item 4. Dates and venues of future meetings

In a note by the Secretariat containing the programme budget implications of the decision of the Commission on Sustainable Development to establish an open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental panel on forests (E/1995/72/Add.1), approved by the Economic and Social Council in decision 1995/226, it is envisaged that the Panel would have one session in 1995, two sessions in 1996, and one session in 1997, each of one week's duration.

Item 5. Other matters